

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PE1127	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/ IE 00/ 00110	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 23/09/1999
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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DE 3914001	A 31-10-1990	NONE	
JP 63305582	A 13-12-1988	NONE	

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

11 April 2001 (11.04.01)

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IE00/00110

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-29 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-72 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/7-7/7 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

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- the drawings, sheets:
5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):
(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)
6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-72
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-72
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-72
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

V.

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: KOZLOWSKI D A ET AL: 'SINGLEMODE 1.3 M FABRY-PEROT LASERS BY MODE SUPPRESSION' ELECTRONICS LETTERS,GB,IEE STEVENAGE, vol. 31, no. 8, 13 April 1995 (1995-04-13), pages 648-650, XP000510095 ISSN: 0013-5194 cited in the application.

2. The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claims 1 and 38, and shows:

an optical waveguide (in a Fabry Perot semiconductor laser diode) for outputting light of a substantially single predetermined wavelength, the optical waveguide comprising:

a light conducting medium defining a longitudinally extending optical path for guiding the (laser) light, the optical path extending longitudinally between respective spaced apart first and second ends (end facets), and a means for causing partial longitudinal reflections of the light along the optical path at at least two spaced apart partial reflecting locations (three etch pits with periods $i/8$, $i/4$ and $i/2$) along the optical path for deriving light of the predetermined wavelength.

The subject-matter of claims 1 and 38 therefore differs from this known device in that the means for causing the partial reflections locates the reflecting locations along the optical path at distances from the first end along the optical path which are functions of the **effective optical length** of the optical path **taking account of alteration to the actual length of the optical path resulting from the effect of the means for causing the partial reflections on the actual length of the optical path.**

The subject-matter of claims 1 and 38 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as providing an optical waveguide with a more stable light output of a substantially single predetermined wavelength.

Since the effective length of the optical path varies depending on the number of partial reflecting locations provided in the optical path, and the effective refractive index of the partial reflecting locations, the partial reflecting locations in the cited prior art devices are not positioned at optimum locations for setting up of standing waves of the desired wavelength or harmonics thereof.

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1 and 38 of the present application (if claims 1 and 38 are clarified in accordance with **Section VIII** below) is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because none of the cited prior art documents suggests or discloses the subject-matter disclosed in the characterising parts of claims 1 and 38.

3. Claims 2-37 and 39-72 are dependent on claims 1 and 38 respectively, and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step (if claims 1 and 38 are clarified in accordance with **Section VIII** below).

VIII.

1. It is clear from throughout the description that the following feature is essential to the definition of the invention:
 - (1) the optical distances of the reflecting locations along the optical path from said first end being chosen such that the standing waves set up between said first end and each of said reflecting locations, and the standing wave(s) set up between any two of said reflecting locations, and the standing wave set up between said first and second ends, are all in harmonic relationship with each other.

Since independent claims 1 and 38 do not contain this feature, they do not meet the requirement following from Article 6 PCT taken in combination with Rule 6.3(b) PCT that any independent claim must contain all the technical features essential to the definition of the invention.

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